

# September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election Calendar

7/1/21 (E-75)	<b>CERTIFICATION OF RECALL ELECTION</b> On this day, the Secretary of State determined that the proponents have collected sufficient signatures and so certified this fact to the Lieutenant Governor.	Cal. Const., Art. II, §§ 14, 15; § 11109
7/1/21 (E-75)	<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION</b> On this date, the Lieutenant Governor issued the proclamation calling the California Gubernatorial Recall Election.	Cal. Const. Art. II, §§ 15, 17; § 11110
7/1/21 to 7/6/21 (E-75 to E-70)	<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES</b> Period in which candidates for Governor may obtain forms from county elections officials for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for the office.	§§ 8020(b), 8061, 8105, 8106(b)
7/1/21 to 8/31/21 (E-75 to E-14)	<b>CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT</b> Period in which and prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan for a specific office, the individual must file a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501), signed under penalty of perjury, of intention to be a candidate for the specific office. The Form 501 is also used by candidates to accept or reject voluntary spending limits specified by the Fair Political Practices Commission. The stated deadline for filing this statement, E-14, is the deadline for filing a statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers. For most candidates, this form would be submitted by no later than the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy and nomination papers, July 16, 2021 (E-60).  Between the date of filing an initial Form 501 for an election and the deadline for filing nomination papers for that election, July 16, 2021 (E-60), the statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure limits may be amended no more than two times, provided the limit has not been exceeded.	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18520; Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401
7/1/21 to 7/16/21 (E-75 to E-60)	Period in which candidates who wish to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the state Voter Information Guide, may accept the voluntary expenditure limits. <b>NOTE:</b> For purposes of this calendar entry the E-date shall begin at July 1, 2021 (E-75).	Gov. Code §§ 85600, 85601
7/1/21 to 7/16/21 (E-75 to E-60) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE</b> Period in which candidates may purchase space for a 250-word statement in the official state Voter Information Guide. A candidate may purchase space for a statement only if a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) has been filed and the candidate has agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits.	Gov. Code § 85601(a); § 9084(i)

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7/6/21 (E-70)	<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES — DEADLINE</b> Last day for candidates to submit their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Upon receipt of the required number of in-lieu signatures, or of a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee, the county elections official shall issue the nomination papers provisionally. Within 2 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, at the time of obtaining nomination documents, pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures that meets the nomination signatures requirement and equals or exceeds the minimum number required by Section 8062 for his or her nomination papers shall not be required to file the nomination papers.	§§ 8020(b), 8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3)
7/8/21 (E-68)	<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES — DETERMINE SUFFICIENCY</b> Last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates. Within 2 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, at the time of obtaining nomination documents, pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency.	§§ 8061, 8106(b)(3)
7/9/21 (E-67)	<b>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING — NOTICE</b> Last day for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of the place of the randomized alphabet drawing to be held at 11:00 a.m. on.	§ 13112(b)(1)(B), (c)
7/9/21 to 7/16/21 (E-67 to E-60)	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS</b> Period in which candidates for Governor must file a declaration of candidacy for office and ballot designation worksheet, and circulate nomination papers and deliver them to the county elections official for filing. Candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present petitions in lieu of signatures at the time nomination papers are issued by the county elections official. The number of valid signatures in lieu of the filing fee any candidate obtains may be subtracted from the number required for his or her nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of signatures in lieu of the filing fee meets the requisite number of valid signatures under Section 8062. All nomination documents must be left with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061-8064, 8100, 8105, 8106, 11381(a), 13107.3
7/16/21 (E-60) [5:00 p.m.]	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS — FILING DEADLINE</b> No later than 5:00 p.m. on this day, candidates must deliver their declarations of candidacy, nomination papers, if any, and ballot designation worksheets to the county elections official for filing.	§§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061-8064, 8100, 8105, 8106, 11381(a)

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7/16/21 (E-60)	<b>GOVERNOR CANDIDATES — TAX RETURNS AND WRITTEN CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM — DEADLINE</b> On or before this date, a candidate for the office of governor, in order to appear on the ballot, must file with the Secretary of State's office, two versions (one redacted and one unredacted) of every income tax return the candidate filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the five most recent taxable years. The candidate shall redact information pursuant to Elections Code section 8903.	§§ 8902, 8903
	The candidate must also sign and file with the Secretary of State's office a written consent and acknowledgement form granting the Secretary of State permission to publicly release the redacted version of the candidate's tax return.	§ 8903(a)
7/16/21 (E-60)	<b>MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER BALLOT APPLICATIONS</b> First day county elections officials may process applications for military or overseas voter ballots. Any applications received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. If the applicant is not a resident of the county to which he or she has applied, the elections official receiving the application shall forward it immediately to the proper county.	§§ 300(b), 321, 3105
	A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter is deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent vote-by-mail status.	§ 3102(b)
7/16/21 (E-60) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE</b> Last day candidates for Governor may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the official state Voter Information Guide. Candidates may purchase space for a statement only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).	Gov. Code § 85601(a); § 9084(i)
7/16/21 (E-60) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	<b>POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS — DEADLINE</b> Last day for the party chairperson of any qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated office who will appear on any ballot in the county in question and who have been endorsed by the party. The county elections official shall print any such list that is received timely in the county voter information guide.	§ 13302(b)
7/17/21 (E-59)	<b>NOTICE TO CANDIDATES</b> The Secretary of State shall notify each candidate of the names, addresses, offices, ballot designations, and party preferences of all other persons who have filed for the office of governor.	§ 8121(a)
7/19/21 (E-57)	<b>NOMINATION DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE — DEADLINE</b> Last day for county elections officials to forward to the Secretary of State nomination documents together with a statement showing the number of valid nomination signatures.	§§ 8070, 8082
7/19/21 (E-57) [11:00 a.m.]	<b>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING</b> The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11:00 a.m. and mail the results immediately to county elections officials so that they may determine the order in which the candidates shall appear on the election ballot.	§§ 13111, 13112(b)(1)(B)

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7/19/21 to 8/31/21 (E-57 to E-14)	<b>STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS</b> Period in which all write-in candidates must leave a statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§ 8601
7/21/21 (E-55) [5:00 p.m.]	<b>CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES AND ROTATION LIST</b> Last day for the Secretary of State to certify and send to each county elections official a list of candidates to be voted on throughout the state showing the name of every person eligible to receive votes within the county at the election, their addresses, the office for which they seek nomination, their party preference, and, if applicable, their ballot designation.	§§ 8120-8125
	The Secretary of State shall also provide to county elections officials a list of candidates to be voted on throughout the state for each county arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on July 19, 2021 (E-57).	§ 13111
7/31/21 [Saturday] (E-45) [Date fixed by law]	<b>MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER BALLOTS</b> Last day for county elections officials to transmit ballots and balloting materials to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them by this date. If a military or overseas voter ballot application is received after this date, the county elections official shall transmit a ballot and balloting materials as soon as practicable.	52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act); § 3114
TBD To 8/24/21 (E-XX to E-21)	<b>STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING</b> Period in which the Secretary of State shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by July 16, 2021 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided by county elections officials to the Secretary of State by July 26, 2021 (E-50).	§ 9094(a)
8/16/21 (E-29)	<b>ALL COUNTIES MAIL EVERY ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTER A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT AND PACKET</b> For this election, every active registered voter will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot.	§ 3000.5
	No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot, a vote-by-mail packet that includes an envelope with instructions on the use and return of the vote-by-mail ballot, and other information including the locations and hours of each vote center in the county or polling place.	§§ 3000.5, 3010, 4005(a)(8)(A) & (B), 4007
	County elections officials shall have five days to mail a ballot to each person who is registered to vote by this date and five days to mail a ballot to each person who is subsequently registered to vote.	§§ 3000.5, 3001(b)
8/16/21 (E-29)	<b>COMPUTER PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS</b> Counties having the necessary computer capability to process vote-by-mail ballots may begin to process their vote-by-mail ballots on this date.	§§ 1605(a), 15101(b)(1), (c)
8/16/21 to 9/14/21 (E-29 to E)	<b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY WORKERS</b> Period in which, upon the declaration of an out-of-state emergency by the Governor and the issuance of an executive order authorizing an out-of-state emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of his or her home precinct, an out-of-state emergency worker may request and vote a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be returned in the same manner as all other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 336.7, 3021.5

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8/17/21 to 9/14/21 (E-28 to E)	<b>VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES AND NON-VCA COUNTIES UTILIZING 1602: DROPOFF LOCATIONS OPEN</b> Counties that are implementing the Voter's Choice Act, and non-VCA counties utilizing Section 1602 will open ballot dropoff locations. These locations shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not less than 28 days before the election through Election Day. At least one ballot dropoff location shall be an accessible, secured, exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per day, including regular business hours.	§§ 1602, 4005(a)(1)(A), (B)
8/24/21 (E-21)	<b>STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE — MAILING DEADLINE</b> On or before this date, the Secretary of State, or the county elections official, if appropriate, shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by July 16, 2021 (E-60).	§ 9094(a)
8/30/21 (E-15)	<b>15-DAY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION</b> Last day to register to vote. The Voter Registration Form shall be mailed (postmarked by this date) or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The Voter Registration Form may also be submitted by this date to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles, or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency.  A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter, if postmarked on or before this date, will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent vote-by-mail status. When a county elections official receives and approves a registration application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with a vote-by-mail ballot for each subsequent election for federal office in the state unless the voter fails to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.	52 U.S.C. §§ 20301, 20501; §§ 300(b), 321, 2102, 3102  §§ 3102(e), 3206
8/3/21 (E-14)	<b>STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS DEADLINE</b> Last day for a write-in candidate to leave a statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§ 8601
8/31/21 to 9/14/21 (E-14 to E)	<b>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD</b> Period in which an elector can “conditionally” register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, polling place, or vote center after the 15-day voter registration deadline.	§ 2170
8/31/21 to 9/14/21 (E-14 to E)	<b>NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION PERIOD</b> Period in which a new citizen is eligible to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on August 31, 2021 (E-14), and ending at the close of polls on September 14, 2021(E).  A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California.  The ballots of new citizens shall be received and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure as vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 331, 3500  § 3501  § 3502
9/3/21 (E-11) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	<b>CERTIFIED LIST OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</b> The Secretary of State will prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of write-in candidates showing the names of every write-in candidate eligible to receive votes within the county at the election, their addresses, and the office of Governor to which they seek election. This list will also be mailed to each candidate running for the office of Governor.	

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9/4/21 (E-10) [Saturday]	<b>COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND POLLING PLACE NOTICE MAILING — DEADLINE</b> Last day for the county elections official to mail a county voter information guide and a polling place notice, which includes any vote centers, to each registered voter who registered at least 29 days before the election, unless the voter has opted to receive them electronically. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.	§§ 11324, 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305, 14282
9/7/21 (E-7)	<b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT ISSUANCE — DEADLINE</b> Last day for the county elections official to send a registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot.	§§ 3001, 3003, 3102
9/8/21 to 9/13/21 (E-6 to E-1)	<b>REQUEST FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — LATE CONDITIONS</b> Period in which any voter may request in writing a vote-by-mail ballot if, because of specified conditions, he or she will be unable to go to the polls for an election. A written statement is not necessary if the vote-by-mail ballot is voted in the office of the elections official at the time of the request. The voter may designate any authorized representative to receive the ballot and return the voted vote-by-mail ballot.	§ 3021
9/14/21 (E)	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> On this date, the polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. An elector can “conditionally” register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, designated satellite office, or a vote center.	§§ 1000(c), 14212
9/14/21 (E)	<b>HAND DELIVERED OR FAXED VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED — DEADLINE</b> Voted vote-by-mail ballots hand delivered to the office of the elections official, a polling place, a vote center, a vote-by-mail drop-off location, or a drop box must be received by the county elections official by the close of the polls on Election Day.  Last day a military or overseas voter who is living outside of the United States (or is called for service within the United States on or after September 7, 2021 (E-7), may return his or her ballot by facsimile transmission. To be counted, the ballot returned by facsimile transmission shall be received by the voter's elections official by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day and shall be accompanied by an identification envelope and a signed oath of declaration.	§§ 3017, 14212  § 3106, 3116.5
9/14/21 (E)	<b>REQUEST FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — LATE CONDITIONS DEADLINE</b> Last day any voter may request in writing a vote-by-mail ballot because of specified conditions resulting in his or her absence from the polling place or precinct for an election.	§ 3021
9/14/21 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	<b>NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION PERIOD — DEADLINE</b> Last day a new citizen is eligible to register to vote after the close of registration. The new citizen shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting and declare that he or she has established residency in California.  The ballots of new citizens shall be received and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure as vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 331, 3500, 3501  § 3502
9/14/21 (E)	<b>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION — DEADLINE</b> Last day for an elector to "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, designated satellite office, or a vote center.	§ 2170

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9/14/21 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	<b>SEMIFINAL OFFICIAL CANVASS</b> Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semifinal official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours.	§§ 15150, 15151
9/16/21 to 10/14/21 (E+2 to E+30)	<b>OFFICIAL CANVASS - BEGINNING</b> Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, the county elections official must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed no later than October 14, 2021 (E+30).	§§ 15301, 15372
9/21/21 (E+7)	<b>MAILED VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — LAST DAY TO BE COUNTED</b> Any vote-by-mail ballot cast shall be deemed timely if it is received by the elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after Election Day and either of the following is satisfied: 1) the ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, or 2) if the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the vote-by-mail ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company, and is signed and dated pursuant to Section 3011 on or before Election Day.	§§ 1605(d), 3017, 3020(b), (c)
9/22/21 (E+8)	<b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED TO DIFFERENT COUNTY</b> Last for a county elections official to forward a ballot, which was delivered to their county, to the county that issued the ballot.	§ 3017
10/14/21 (E+30)	<b>OFFICIAL CANVASS DEADLINE</b> No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors.	§ 15372
10/15/21 (E+31)	<b>STATEMENT OF RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE</b> By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State, in an electronic format, one complete copy of the election returns for all candidates.	§§ 15374, 15375
10/22/21 (E+38)	<b>STATEMENT OF THE VOTE</b> Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify, and file a statement of the vote from the compiled election returns and post to the Secretary of State's website.	§ 15501
10/22/21 (E+38) [Suggested Date]	<b>CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION</b> Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of election to the elected candidate, if the recall election is successful.	§§ 8147, 15504